Statement

Funds allocated and released for awareness programmes

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Funds released
2002-03	36.00
2003-04	44.53
2004-05	56.11
2005-06	105.12
2006-07	136.92
TOTAL:	378.68

Non-availability of medicines in Delhi hospitals

†2704. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medicines for serious diseases are not available in adequate quantity in five big Government hospitals of Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the patients have to purchase costly medicines from the market;

(c) the total amount provided to these hospitals for purchase of medicines and medical tests during the last three years; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to make these medicines available to the poor patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Adequate quantity of life saving medicines are available in Central Government hospitals in Delhi. There is also a provision of imprest money kept with the Medical Superintendent of the hospitals for local purchase in case of non-availability of any essential medicine. The details of budget allocation under the head 'Supplied and Material' which includes the expenditure on medicine and disposable diagnostics tests are as under:-

(Rupees in thousand)

Name of Institute	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 R.E.	2006-07 B.E.
S. J. Hospital	205671	197435	195000
Dr. RMLH	107852	99240	119200
LHMC	69427	71590	71590

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.